

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 13, 1962

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, June 13, 1962. Councilmen Brown, Culbertson, Dow, Ullmann and Katzakian (Mayor) present. None absent.

Also present: City Manager Graves, Administrative Assistant Carlton, Planning Director Rodgers and City Attorney Mullen.

FAMILY
SERVICE
AGENCY

Mayor Katzakian opened the meeting to consideration of the request of the Family Service Agency that the City Council allocate a portion of the \$18,750 bequest of the late Lee Jones to the Agency. He explained that the legal counsel of the League of California Cities had informed the Council that a general law city cannot give tax money to support charitable organizations such as the Family Service Agency. However, consideration was being given to use of a portion of the Lee Jones' bequest for the Agency. The Committee appointed by the Mayor had met with officials of the Family Service Agency on June 11, 1962, and the Committee was of the opinion that the Agency was doing a tremendous job in giving counseling service and was of great benefit to the citizens of Lodi. The organization has been in existence for three years and during that time has been receiving Federal funds in addition to local contributions. However, Federal funds are no longer available after the third year. Dr. W. G. Fessler, President of the Family Service Agency, said that the Agency is interested in receiving funds on a permanent basis and is considering the establishment of a Family Service League to raise funds along with local organizations and individuals. If the City would help the Agency this year, the Agency would expect to develop plans for financing its operations in the future and would not come to the Council again for funds. Dr. Fessler felt that using part of Mr. Jones' bequest would be in keeping with Mr. Jones' intent, pointing out that the Red Cross, the Children's Hospital, and the Children's Home Society had been included in the will. He said that \$6,000 was needed to tide the Agency over until it had other sources of revenue. Mayor Katzakian said the question before the Council is the use of the bequest in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Jones. City Attorney Mullen said he met with Mr. Jones' attorney who informed him that the intent of Mr. Jones was that the money be used for something of a permanent nature; however, the will had been worded broadly so that discretion could be used in spending the funds. The City Attorney had also discussed the matter with Mr. Walter Taylor, executor of the estate and a close personal friend of Mr. Jones. According to Mr. Taylor, the intent of Mr. Jones was to use the money for something permanent. Mayor Katzakian said he also talked to Mr. Jones'


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attorney and had received the same information. Councilman Dow said he had talked to other acquaintances of Mr. Jones and had received conflicting information. He said it was difficult to second-guess Mr. Jones and that the funds were the City's to use within the limits of the bequeath. The Mayor recommended that the Council meet with the attorney and Mr. Taylor before making a decision. Dr. Fessler said that the Family Service Agency would not give up if funds were not received from the City, but would "go to bat" to keep functioning. Mr. Bill Mitchell, 501 Sonora, said that the most tangible thing one could do was to help a young person to grow up to be a good citizen and that the Family Service Agency should qualify for the bequest. Councilman Dow said that the Family Service Agency had a deadline of three or four weeks so funds are urgent. He also stated that the Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning to raise funds for the Agency. Councilman Dow moved that the City Council allocate \$6,000 of the funds received from the Lee Jones' Estate for the Family Service Agency. His motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Culbertson moved that a decision on use of the funds from the Lee Jones' Estate be postponed until such time as the Council had an opportunity to meet with the executor and attorney of the estate, the meeting to be as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously. Councilman Culbertson said that the action of the Council was not caused by lack of confidence in the good the Family Service Agency was doing, but because the Council has the responsibility of using the money in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Jones.

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BUDGET

City Manager Graves explained the increases in the Operating Budget, and then reviewed the requests for increases in personnel. He and members of the Council discussed the organization and staffing of the Utilities, Finance and Public Works departments. They then reviewed the budget series from 200 to 600 and the Tabulation of Supplemental Requests, covering the Engineering and Streets Department, Finance Department, Fire Department, Parks Department and Recreation Department.

On motion of Councilman Brown the City Council adjourned at 11:20 p.m.


ATTEST: BEATRICE GARIBALDI
City Clerk